



Youth Homelessness Rapid Re-Housing Program

What is the Rapid Re-Housing Program?

The Rapid Re-Housing Program (RRH) helps young, homeless individuals between 18-24 years old find permanent housing and offers them financial and family counseling services¹. In December 2017, a briefing from the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, defines rapid re-housing as an evidence-based intervention practice that is cost effective, has high rates of placement in permanent housing, and improves family self-sufficiency².

How does Rapid Re-Housing fund their services?

Under the fiscal year budget for 2018-2019, funding of a one-time grant was awarded to Austin in the amount of \$160,000 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as part of their incentive for their Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program.

Once granted, Austin Public Health requested applications of potential nonprofit organizations or governmental entities to provide funding for their re-housing program. Lifeworks was awarded the contract to increase funding that went into effect in June 2018 and will continue through the end of September 2019.

Table 1 identifies the budget plan for Rapid Re-Housing as a sub-facet of the entire budget for Youth Homelessness.

Table 1. Youth Homelessness Budget FY 2018³

	Lifeworks Grant	Additional Funding	Total Budget
Personnel	\$199,135	\$529,810	\$728,945
Operating Expenses	\$75,990	\$212,417	\$288,407
Direct Assistance	\$6000	\$592,773	\$598,773
Percentage Totals	17.4%	82.6%	100%
Total	\$281,125	\$1,335,000	\$1,616,125

The increased funding of \$160,000 is significant to Rapid Re-Housing's operative budget because the grant is specifically used for finding permanent housing placements for their client population. Without this added grant, only \$121,125 of Lifeworks current grant is used for housing purposes and is insufficient means to meet the needs of the program⁴.

The RRH has exceeded the success rates of the program within the past two quarters.

In addition to the Lifeworks grant, they have also been in strong partnership with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) to house their clients and have since seen a dramatic decrease in youth homelessness because of it⁵. **Table 2** visualizes what the expected outcome of serviced clients should be by the end of the year versus what the current numbers of serviced clients are after two quarterly reports.

Table 2. Performance Evaluation⁶

	Required Serviced Clients	Quarterly Report Outcome	Annual Report
City of Austin	15	16	TBD
U.S. HUD	63	61	TBD

This table proves that the increased funding has helped RRH achieve their intended goals. They are just shy of reaching their intended goal under the U.S. Housing and Urban Development measures but based on their current numbers equate to a 96.83% success rate⁷.

¹ Resolution 20181129-019

² Resolution 20181129-019

³ Youth and Family Alliance Budget Report

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⁵ Austin Public Health Staff

⁶ Youth and Family Alliance Performance Evaluation

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